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Greetings Fellow Hoosiers,

The Indiana Children's Trust Fund has recently become the Kids First Trust Fund. This name change took place in an effort to tie the trust fund more directly to the license plate. In fiscal year 2003 the Kids First Trust Fund and Kids First license plates continued to make a difference in the lives of children across the state of Indiana by assisting programs that prevent child abuse and neglect. Please take this opportunity to review our 2003 Annual Report.

Even in the face of declining license plate sales, the Kids First Trust Fund strives to continue supporting new and ongoing programs. Continued administrative support has allowed for the expansion of our web page, which is now bilingual. Our web page includes general information such as a brief history of the Kids First Trust Fund, current Board Members, and agencies currently being funded. Also included are all forms needed by grantees to fulfill their contract agreement, thus cutting down on the cost of reproducing and mailing such forms. There is also a link where the public can give us their feedback. Please feel free to visit our web page at www.in.gov/fssa/children/grant.html.

Thanks to the time and talent of Lee/Willis Communications, our marketing team, knowledge of the Kids First Trust Fund continues to grow. In 2003 they worked with PIP printing and made us the focus of a beautiful calendar that was distributed throughout the state. Then they teamed with Century 21 Realty to make the Kids First brochures and key chains part of their Welcome Kits for prospective homebuyers. Finally, the marketing team collaborated with Indianapolis television station, RTV6 to sponsor "Get Your Hands on an Indy Car" contest. The contest was promoted during the nightly weather forecast for two weeks. At the end of the contest 25 kids were chosen to paint their handprints on an Indy car model at the TV studio. There were live updates during the newscasts that included an interview with one of the local Board Members. This car was then displayed on Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis as part of the 500 Festival Art in Motion.

As always, we are thankful to our legislators for their continued support as we continue toward our goal of reducing child abuse and neglect in the state of Indiana.

Sincerely,

Becky Buse,
Chairperson, Indiana Kids First Trust Fund

Indiana Kids First Trust Fund Annual Report 2003



INDIANA KIDS FIRST TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2003

INTRODUCTION

The Indiana General Assembly established the Indiana Children's Trust Fund in 1994. Legislation called for the design and issuance of a Children's Trust Fund license plate. "KIDS FIRST" license plates became available in January 1995. Proceeds from the sale of such plates are then granted to community programs throughout the state of Indiana, which address the prevention of child abuse and neglect. In July of 2003, Senate Enrolled Act #420 officially changed the name to the Kids First Trust Fund. The Kids First Trust Fund is maintained by a 10-person, volunteer Board. (See Attachment A for a roster of Board Members). The Board must make a decision as to which programs will be funded each year. The State of Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family and Children, contracts with grant awardees based on the decision of the Board.

MISSION

Children are our most important assets; therefore, the mission of the Indiana Children's Trust Fund is to promote the health of children and reduce infant mortality, by funding programs, which prevent child abuse and neglect.

GOALS

The Board has adopted the following goals as a means of fulfilling the overall mission:

1. Reduce the number of deaths due to abuse and neglect;
2. Reduce the total number of substantiated cases of abuse and neglect;
3. Reduce the infant mortality rate.





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Lending a helping hand

Many of us already have a “Kids First” license plate on our vehicle. Certainly most of us have seen the colorful hand-printed plates on Hoosier roadways. These special plates benefit children all around the state of Indiana.

The Kids First Trust Fund sends contributions from “Kids First” plates sales directly to local community programs that prevent the tragedy of child abuse and neglect. For the year 2003, the Kids First Trust Fund assisted 86 agencies throughout the state with over \$2.3 million.

Putting kids first

Research clearly identifies that child abuse and neglect have harmful long-term effects. When abuse occurs-especially from birth to age four-a child’s mental and physical development can be dramatically delayed. The long-term costs of these tragedies pale in comparison to the pain and suffering our children have to endure due to abuse and neglect.

Kids First Trust Fund grant recipients work to provide practical solutions that teach good parenting skills, including the importance of nutrition, how to be an active parent and how to discipline without ever even spanking the child. Other programs provide children with encouragement that helps them grow up healthy so as to help break the intergenerational chain of abuse and neglect. Simple steps like talking, reading and singing to your baby help build a strong foundation for learning throughout your child’s lifetime.

Making a difference

From big cities to small towns, The Kids First Trust Fund puts Indiana children first by funding agencies that prevent child abuse and neglect. The following pages highlight several programs that have benefited from Trust Fund grants.

The State of Indiana puts Kids First

“Serial molester-Columbia City Molester gets 44-year term.” On March 11, 2003, this headline appeared in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette. Six other charges were filed against him when other children and adults came



forward, in some cases, after years of silence to say, “he did this to me, I thought I was the only one.” This criminal was arrested, brought to trial, and convicted because a brave elementary school student who had been victimized repeatedly by this man attended a Scan, Inc. sexual abuse prevention workshop.

Scan Inc.



“Thank you for your performance. It was wonderful. Sometimes I get bullied by bigger kids than me. But since your play on bullying, the kids that have bullied me before have stopped. Thank you so much for the performance.” Jennifer

Bridgework Theatre

NOTE: The children depicted in the pictures do not denote actual children involved with the Kids First Trust Fund.

The State of Indiana puts **Kids First**

Angela is a single mother struggling to understand her teenage daughter's behavior. Angela attended Parent Education courses to better understand her daughter's behaviors as well as how those behaviors and actions impacted her and her daughter. Angela has learned to understand the importance of being a mother who is available to listen to her daughter as well as provide the nurturing environment every teenager needs and deserves.



Clark County Youth Shelters

Billy had a history of both inpatient hospitalization and residential care placements. The family and Billy entered into the 12-week program through the Nurturing Program for Adolescent and Parent Program. The family and teen Successfully completed the program and Continue to receive follow-up services at the center. Billy continues to do well in the family home.

*South Central Community Mental
Health Center*



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Hoosiers helping Hoosiers

The support of generous Hoosiers from around the state makes these success stories possible. For every \$40.00 "Kids First" license plate sale, the Kids First Trust Fund receives \$25.00 to assist Indiana agencies and thousands of Indiana children. We continue to explore avenues of marketing and fundraising methods so we will be able to help more organizations prevent the tragedy of abuse and neglect.

What else can I do to help?

If you would like to make a direct, tax-deductible donation, please make checks payable to Kids First Trust Fund (\$25, \$50, \$200, \$500, \$1,000 or more) and send it to: Indiana Kids First Trust Fund, PO Box 6053, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6053. The Kids First Trust Fund will make every effort to see that your money helps to fund programs in or around your region.



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FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year 2003

Expenses

Personal Service	1,350.00
Services Other Than Personal	1,494.00
Services by Contract	108,925.00
Materials and Supplies	5,423.00
Program Services	2,391,560.00
In-State Travel	659.00
<u>Out of State Travel</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$2,509,411.00

Income

"Kids First" Plate Sales	1,523,725.00
Fee Collections (Marriage & Divorce Filing Fees)	260,601.00
Heirloom Birth Certificate Sales	161.00
Cash Donations	941.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>95,192.00</u>
Total	\$1,880,620.00

Fiscal Year 2003

<u>Program Funding</u>	<u># of Programs</u>	<u>\$ Award</u>
Parent Education & Support	51	1,321,517.00
Home &/or Hospital Visitation	13	384,625.00
Professional Training	0	0.00
Public Awareness / Education	6	200,003.00
Life Skills for Youth & Children	17	431,430.00
Family Resources Center	1	9,903.00
<u>Local Council / Network</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total	88	\$2,347,478.00

Total grants and dollars awarded by year

<u>Year</u>	<u># of Programs</u>	<u>\$ Award</u>
1997	54	1,968,000
1998	67	2,432,857
1999	74	2,938,895
2000	66	2,616,895
2001	67	2,278,072
2002	86	2,529,856

Program Funding Fiscal Year 2003

Parent Education & Support

1. Adult & Child Center, Inc.	25,000.00
2. Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services, Inc.	18,000.00
3. Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Bartholomew County	30,000.00
4. Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Central Indiana	18,000.00
5. Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Elkhart County	36,557.00
6. Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana	25,000.00
7. Brownstown Central Community School Corporation	37,716.00
8. Child Advocacy Center of Allen County, Indiana, Inc.	25,000.00
9. Children and Family Services, Inc.	19,391.00
10. Children's Bureau of Indianapolis, Inc.	19,000.00
11. Clark County Youth Shelter	20,290.00
12. Dekalb County Parent Group for Handicapped Children, Inc.	36,000.00
13. Dubois-Pike-Warrick Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc.	18,860.00
14. Exchange Club Family Resource Center - 1	30,000.00
15. Exchange Club Family Resource Center - 2	32,000.00
16. Families United, Inc.	12,000.00
17. Family and Children's Counseling Center	30,000.00
18. Family Focused Nurturing Services, Inc	15,000.00
19. Family Services and Prevention Programs, Inc.	38,258.00
20. FSA of Monroe County	41,468.00
21. Furthering Youth, Inc.	22,847.00
22. Gary Neighborhood Services, Inc.	23,901.00
23. Helping Our People Excel, Inc	25,827.00
24. Indiana University	20,000.00
25. Indianapolis Public School Corp.	21,780.00
26. St. Vincent -Jennings Health Partnership	40,000.00
27. LaPorte County Child Abuse Prevention Council, Inc.	29,667.00
28. LaPorte County Regional Health System	50,000.00
29. Lincoln Hills Development Center	11,925.00
30. Lutheran Child and Family Services, Inc.	20,000.00
31. Marshall-Starke Development Center	20,000.00
32. Mental Health Association of Kosciusko County	30,000.00
33. New Hope Services, Inc.	50,000.00
34. Noah's Ark	26,135.00
35. Noble, Inc.	10,500.00
36. North West Indiana Health Department Cooperative	35,000.00
37. Orange County Child Care Cooperative	17,430.00
38. Posey County Domestic Violence Task Force	15,000.00
39. Putnam County Family Support Services	20,000.00
40. Regenerations, Inc.	35,000.00
41. RESPECT, Inc.	30,000.00
42. Safe Passage, Inc.	12,000.00
43. South Central Community Mental Health Centers, Inc.	13,473.00
44. St. Elizabeth's	29,110.00
45. Stepping Stones Shelter for Women	30,490.00
46. Stone Belt Arc, Inc.	36,298.00
47. United Health Services of St. Joseph County	40,000.00
48. The Villages of Indiana	20,000.00
49. Youth First Foundation, Inc.	21,779.00
50. Youth Service Bureau, Inc.	26,815.00
51. YSB of Huntington County	<u>9,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,321,517.00

Home &/or Hospital Visitation

1. CAP Council of Bartholomew County, Inc.(Caring Parents)	14,130.00
2. Child Abuse Prevention Services, Inc.	55,000.00
3. Family and Children's Center, Counseling and Development Services	40,000.00
4. Family Service of Bartholomew County (Healthy Families)	7,995.00
5. FSA of Howard County (Healthy Families)	25,000.00
6. Hamilton Center (Healthy Families)	20,855.00
7. Healthy Families of Hamilton County	24,000.00
8. New Castle Area Vocational School	35,000.00
9. North Adams School Corp. (Healthy Families)	39,360.00
10. Rauch, Inc (Healthy Families)	35,580.00
11. Wabash Valley Human Services	28,705.00
12. YSB of Porter County, Inc.	29,000.00
13. YSB of St. Joseph County, Inc	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total	\$384,625.00

Professional Training

None at this time

Public Awareness/Education

1. CAP Council of Bartholomew County, Inc. (Public Awareness)	12,755.00
2. Clark Memorial Hospital	34,921.00
3. Family Services, Inc.	49,202.00
4. Open Door Health Center	23,125.00
5. Prevent Child Abuse Indiana	60,000.00
6. SCAN, Inc.	<u>20,000.00</u>
Total	\$200,003.00

Life Skills for Children & Youth

1. All Saints Catholic School	7,500.00
2. Alternatives, Inc of Madison County	30,163.00
3. Boys and Girls Club of Greater Goshen, IN	10,000.00
4. Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County	50,000.00
5. Breaking Free, Inc.	25,000.00
6. The Bridgework Theatre, Inc	28,304.00
7. Center for Nonviolence	21,000.00
8. Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	12,640.00
9. Decatur County Big Brothers, Big Sisters	28,965.00
10. Education for Conflict Resolution	60,000.00
11. Floyd County Board of Commissioners	28,830.00
12. Girls, Inc.	10,000.00
13. Peace Learning Center	50,000.00
14. PSI Services III, Inc.	26,000.00
15. White County Family YMCA	20,000.00
16. Youth Service Bureau of Wabash County	18,000.00
17. YWCA of Greater Lafayette	<u>5,028.00</u>
Total	\$431,430.00

Family Resources Center

1. Blue River Services, Inc.	<u>9,903.00</u>
Total	\$9,903.00

Local Council/Network Support

None at this time

FY 2003 Overall Total \$2,347,478.00

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u># of PROGRAMS</u>	<u>AMOUNT AWARDED</u>
ADAMS	1	\$39,360.00
ALLEN	4	\$91,000.00
BARTHOLOMEW	4	\$64,880.00
CASS	1	\$18,000.00
CLARK	3	\$105,211.00
CRAWFORD	1	\$9,903.00
DECATUR	1	\$28,965.00
DEKALB	1	\$36,000.00
DUBOIS	1	\$18,860.00
ELKHART	4	\$129,861.00
FLOYD	3	\$94,410.00
FOUNTAIN	1	\$12,000.00
HAMILTON	1	\$24,000.00
HARRISON	1	\$22,847.00
HENRY	1	\$35,000.00
HOWARD	1	\$25,000.00
HUNTINGTON	1	\$9,000.00
JACKSON	2	\$57,716.00
JENNINGS	1	\$40,000.00
JOHNSON	1	\$25,000.00
KNOX	2	\$48,096.00
KOSCIUSKO	1	\$30,000.00
LAKE	3	\$84,901.00
LAPORTE	5	\$159,109.18
MADISON	3	\$92,163.00
MARION	13	\$325,890.00
MARSHALL	1	\$20,000.00
MONROE	3	\$91,239.00
ORANGE	1	\$17,430.00
PORTER	1	\$29,000.00
POSEY	1	\$15,000.00
PULASKI	1	\$11,925.00
PUTNAM	1	\$20,000.00
RIPLEY	1	\$12,000.00
ST. JOSEPH	3	\$130,000.00
SHELBY	1	\$38,258.00
STEUBEN	1	\$30,000.00
TIPPECANOE	2	\$54,230.00
UNION	1	\$12,640.00
VANDEBURGH	3	\$78,594.00
VIGO	1	\$20,855.00
WABASH	3	\$93,000.00
WAYNE	1	\$26,135.00
<u>WHITE</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
TOTAL	88	\$2,347,478.18

ATTACHMENT A



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